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Taxpayers Gone Astray Being Rounded up on Electronic Highway

A joint county-state effort is saving Hoosiers tax dollars. The Indiana Department of Revenue reports that a special project, a joint effort with 20 county clerks and nine sheriffs' departments statewide, has saved Hoosier taxpayers well over \$300,000 so far [\$323,870.33 as of 3/31/04].

The project, which initially included only the Marion County Circuit Court Clerk and Marion County Sheriffs' Department, shares electronic information on the tax warrants of delinquent taxpayers – information that previously had to be communicated on paper via the U. S. Postal Service.

"We are pleased that so many counties are teaming up with us on this project," said State Revenue Commissioner Kenneth L. Miller. "This reduces costs for both local government and the State of Indiana."

The Elkhart County Circuit Court Clerk was the next to come online in 2002, and, another 18 county clerks and eight sheriffs' departments followed suit. (See backside for a listing of all County Clerks and Sheriffs' Departments currently participating in the project.)

Over one million electronic records [1,051,280 as of 3/31/04] have been successfully transmitted since the project's start-up.

Those county clerks who have eliminated the cost of paper, postage and crucial employee time include Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Brown, Davies, Delaware, Elkhart, Floyd, Hamilton, Howard, Lake, Marion, Marshall, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Putnam, Vigo, Wabash and Wayne counties. Sheriffs' departments that have come online include Clay, Hamilton, Hancock, Lake, Marion, Monroe, Noble, Vanderburgh and Wayne Counties. Additional counties are in the testing phase now and will be added.

In accordance with state statutes, the Department sends a tax warrant to the local county clerk's office for filing. When the clerk files the warrant, it becomes a judgment lien against the person owing the tax. The judgment lien attaches to all of the person's interest in any real or personal property in that county.

County Sheriffs' Departments, as well as private collection attorneys and agencies may also become involved in the collection process. County Clerks or Sheriffs who are interested in more information for electronic tax warrants should go to the following web site:

<http://www.in.gov/dor/specialresources/developer/warrant.html>.

See backside of this press release for a breakdown per county of the number of tax warrant information records sent electronically so far.

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Agent Type	County	Number of records transferred electronically as of 3/31/04
Clerk	Adams	910
	Allen	24,261
	Bartholomew	302
	Brown	1,123
	Daviess	2,005
	Delaware	1,187
	Elkhart	23,249
	Floyd	1,295
	Hamilton	3,406
	Howard	5,391
	Lake	80,365
	Marion	612,280
	Marshall	4,972
	Miami	434
	Monroe	6,081
	Montgomery	158
	Putnam	1,685
	Vigo	1,344
	Wabash	1,658
	Wayne	2,339
Clerk Total		774,445
Sheriff	Clay	800
	Hamilton	5,140
	Hancock	1,133
	Lake	13,252
	Marion	243,591
	Monroe	3,830
	Noble	813
	Vanderburgh	7,495
	Wayne	781
Sheriff Total		276,835
Grand Total		1,051,280